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## David James Vogler, 69, former selectman



David James Vogler, 69, died at home on March 31. Raised in Dedham, he moved to Orlando, Fla. when his parents retired, and graduated from Boone High School and the University of Florida.

He received a Ph.D. in political science from the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill and joined the staff at Wheaton College in 1969, where he remained on the faculty until his retirement last June. Early in his career, he studied American government, in particular, Congress, and wrote his Ph.D. thesis on congressional conference committees. His thesis was later published by Northwestern University Press and entitled "The Third House." In 1976, he was named a Congressional Fellow and spent a sabbatical year in Washington, D.C. Part of the fellowship involved serving as an intern in a congressional office and Mr. Vogler chose to spend his time in Duxbury's 10th Congressional Office, which was held at that time by Gerry Studds. In addition to his thesis, he was the author of many other books, including "The Politics of Congress," which was published in multiple editions and "Power, Politics and Participation," which was used in college level introductory political science classes.

For many years, Mr. Vogler was active in Duxbury town politics, serving on the Town By-law Study Committee, Finance Committee (one year as chair), Public Works Study Committee (chair), Board of Selectman (two terms), and

Conservation Commission.

In later years, he developed an interest in all things Italian and was awarded the Keiter chair from Wheaton College, which enabled him to continue his studies in Florence, Italy during his sabbatical year in 1998-99. At the time of his death, he was completing a manuscript based upon his research, parts of which have been published as separate articles and/or given as presentations at academic conferences. Recently, he translated one of his articles into Italian for publication as part of a reader edited by a professor at the University of Milan. His final manuscript is being compiled for publication as an e-book by a professor at the University of Florence and will be the subject of a seminar to be given there later this month.

Mr. Vogler leaves his wife, Alice of Duxbury; his son, William of Duxbury; his sisters, Nancey Reagan and her husband, Hal, of Valrico, Fla., Carol Allen and her husband Chris of Duxbury; his brothers, William and his wife, Alice, of Bear Creek, N. C. and Bucky and his wife Tracy Marshall, of Cave Creek, Ariz.; his mother-in-law, Barbara Marshall, of Lake Forest, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews. He was the son of the late William and Kathryn Vogler, both of Orlando, Fla. and the brother of the late Andrea Kasenchak, of Woodside, Calif.

A memorial celebration will be held at his home in Duxbury on Saturday, April 9 at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the political science departments at Wheaton College and the University of North Carolina or to the Boston Symphony Orchestra.